EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO

THE PROSPECTS COLLEGE OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY (GOVERNMENT) REGULATIONS 2014

2014 No. 2068

1. This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the Instrument

2.1 These regulations prescribe the initial Instrument of Government and Articles of Government for the newly established further education corporation called Prospects College of Advanced Technology. The regulations will come into force on 31 August 2014.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

3.1 None

4. Legislative Context

4.1 The powers conferred by sections 20(2) and 21(1) of, and Schedule 4 to, the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 are being used to prescribe the initial Instrument and Articles of Government for a newly established further education corporation called Prospects College of Advanced Technology.

4.2 Prospects College of Advanced Technology is being incorporated as a further education corporation by the Prospects College of Advanced Technology (Incorporation) Order 2014.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

5.1 This instrument applies in relation to England.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As the instrument is subject to the negative resolution procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

7.1 Prospects College of Advanced Technology is being established to deliver a unique new employer-focused, specialist technical college of Further Education in the South Essex Thames Gateway. It will have three specialist apprentice skills training centres for Engineering (including rail), Building Services and Aviation and a post-16 campus. At the time it is fully operational it will deliver provision to 800 full time and 350 part time learners; 1200 Apprentices and 2500 delegates on short corporate courses, aged 16+. Prospects College of Advanced Technology will conduct the

existing educational institution known as Prospects College, currently conducted by Prospects Learning Foundation Limited.

8. Consultation outcome

8.1 A full public consultation has taken place in relation to the proposal to incorporate the new further education corporation. Responses were received from 41 individuals representing 26 organisations and no responses opposed the proposal to incorporate the new corporation.

9. Guidance

9.1 As this instrument affects only the named college, no guidance is necessary and any persons affected by the change will be informed by the college.

10. Impact

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as it has no wider impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies. The impact on the public sector is minimal.

11. Regulating small business

11.1 The legislation does not apply to small business.

12. Monitoring and review

12.1 Not applicable.

13. Contact

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